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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ILO PORG
SUBJECT: REQUEST OF ILO DG TO SEE SECRETARY KISSINGER

REF: A) S/S7520798; B) GENEVA 7636

1. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REPLY (REF A) TO ILO/DG BLANCHARD'S REQUEST ON BEHALF OF OFFICERS OF GOVERNING BODY TO MEET WITH SECRETARY AND DOL SECRETARY DUNLOP (REF B) DELIVERED TO BLANCHARD'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ON NOVEMBER 5 (DAY OF RECEIPT AT MISSION.

2. FORTIN WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER LANGUAGE IN REPLY (QUOTED PARA 4 BELOW) MEANT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS (1) REFUSING TO MEET WITH GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS OR (2) WHETHER HE WAS LEAVING DOOR OPEN FOR FUTURE MEETING. FORTIN ANTICIPATES FORMER INTERPRETATION OF SECRETARY'S REPLY BY GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN COOK AND PERHAPS SIMILAR INTERPRETATIONS WHEN MATTER IS RAISED IN UPCOMING ILO GOVERNING BODY SESSION. LABATT SAID HE WOULD SEEK GUIDANCE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE MISSION
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TO TELL BLANCHARD (WHO RETURNS TO GENEVA THIS WEEKEND)

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THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS NOT CLOSED DOOR ON FUTURE MEETING AT APPROPRIATE TIME WITH BLANCHARD AND OFFICERS OF GOVERNING BODY. MISSION ALSO BELIEVES USDEL SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE "OPEN DOOR" STATEMENT IN ILO GOVERNING BODY IF SUCH STATEMENT IS APPROPRIATE. (AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, COOK IS OFTEN EMOTIONAL. AT RECENT ILO ASIAN REGIONAL MEETING IN COLOMBO, COOK TOLD LABATT HE THOUGHT SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD TURN DOWN BLANCHARD'S REQUEST FOR MEETING.)

4. SECOND PARA SECRETARY'S REPLY (REF A) FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, I AM SURE, THAT THE PRESS OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND A NUMBER OF FIXED COMMITMENTS MAKE IT EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SEE YOU AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE SECRETARY DUNLOP WILL BE CONTINUING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU, AND KEEPING YOU INFORMED OF THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE ILO. END TEXT. DALE

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